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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:   
Director of Communications

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2. As a result of recent discussions between the Directors of the Offices of Communications (OC) and Information Technology (OIT), the first joint OC/OIT Planning Conference has been scheduled for October. The purpose of the conference is to allow senior managers the opportunity to address major issues confronting the two Offices.

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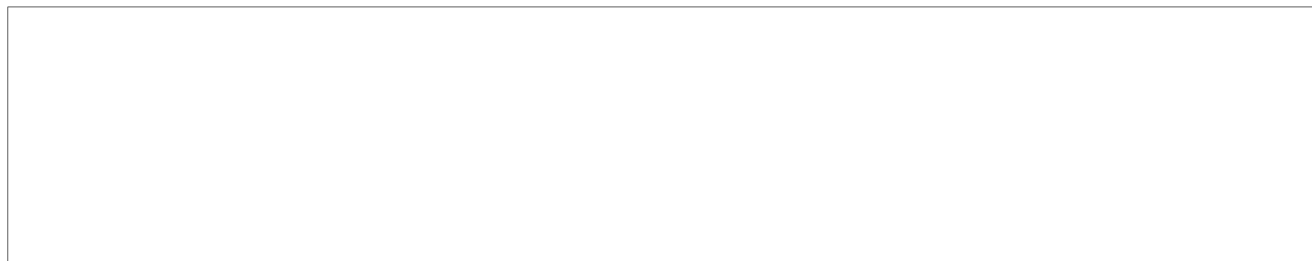
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10. In response to recruitment advertising in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, over 100 resumés have been received each day for review and processing by OC.

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12. A pilot program for the OC Satellite Operations Course using Accelerated Learning Techniques (AL) was completed on 18 July. Because of AL, a reduction of 32.5 percent instruction time was achieved. Consequently, all future Satellite Operations Courses will be scheduled for three weeks vice four weeks using the new AL system.

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13. MERCURY Program:

a. The contractor has completed the new software build for the four packet switch nodes, the Network Control Processor, the Network Operator's Console, and the Packet Assembler/Disassembler. All Factory Acceptance Tests have been rerun with the new software and the software has now been placed under configuration management control. Formal acceptance testing will commence on 28 July.

25X1 b. OC representatives met [redacted] on 25 July to discuss actions to be taken prior to the start of live traffic testing via the MERCURY packet switch. A check list of actions was identified and documented.

c. The D/CO presented an OC capabilities briefing to the President of M/A-COM Digital Communications Corporation (DCC) and several members of his staff on 24 July. The purpose of the briefing was to provide DCC with a better understanding of the communications requirements that the MERCURY packet switching system will be serving. During the discussion following the D/CO's presentation, the contractor offered to provide the Agency with a technology update on satellite communications services that are commercially available. His offer was accepted.

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